

Applicants: Novak et al.

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The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 USC §121.

Applicants were requested to elect one of four designated groups as briefly noted below:

I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a protein, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

II. Claims 12-30, drawn to a method of treating cancer or method of stimulating an immune response in a mammal with melanoma by administering an effective amount of a polypeptide, classified in class 514, subclass 12.

III. Claims 31-40 and 45-46, drawn to a method of stimulating an immune response in a mammal with melanoma by administering an effective amount of a polynucleotide and pharmaceutical composition, classified in class 514, subclass 44.

IV. Claims 41-44 and 47, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide, a vector and a host cell, classified in class 435, subclass 69.1.

In response to the Requirement for Restriction Election, Applicants elect Group I, drawn to a protein, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

Applicants submit herewith a Preliminary Amendment to update the Reference to Related Applications section of the Application. Early consideration and allowance of the pending claims under examination are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone interview would expedite prosecution of the above-identified patent application, please call the undersigned at (206) 442-6672.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Enclosures:

Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)

Preliminary Amendment

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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11 References

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